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BARBOUR COUNTY MAN SENTENCED TO 20 YEARS BEHIND BARS
FOR 2009 TROY HOME INVASION

MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA— Anthony Perrie Turner, 24, of Clayton, Alabama, was sentenced this morning to serve 240 months in federal prison for his role in a home invasion that took place in Troy, Alabama, in 2009, U.S. Attorney George L. Beck, Jr., announced. Turner is the third of three co-defendants to be sentenced in the case. Mr. Turner's two co-defendants, Kendrick Thomas and Ronald Demarkus Thomas, each received a 24-year sentence earlier this year. All three men previously pled guilty to a three-count indictment charging carjacking, conspiracy to commit carjacking, and brandishing a firearm during the commission of a crime of violence.

Documents previously filed in the case show that on October 26, 2009, the three men forced their way into a residence occupied by six people and demanded money and car keys at gunpoint. Several of the victims were beaten and pistol-whipped, and two women inside the residence were sexually assaulted by the Thomas brothers during the commission of the crime. The three assailants then fled the scene in the victims' car. Based on information from the victims, officers with the Troy Police Department were able to identify, locate, and arrest all three men within a matter of hours. The Thomas brothers eventually confessed to their involvement in the crime and implicated Turner. One of the women also identified Turner from a photo lineup.

It is a federal crime to take a motor vehicle from another person by force, violence, and intimidation, with the intent to cause death or serious bodily harm. Brandishing a firearm during the commission of the offense carries a consecutive sentence of no less than 7 years and as much as life in prison. Because he was willing to plead guilty and was not involved in the sexual assault of the victims, the United States agreed to cap Turner's sentence at 20 years.

As part of his sentence, Turner was also ordered to spend 5 years on supervised release.

All three men still face a pending state prosecution in Pike County for their actions.

The investigation of this case was conducted by Special Agent Jennifer Rudden-Conway of the Federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, acting in concert with officers of the Troy Police Department. Assistant United States Attorneys Nathan D. Stump and Brandon K. Essig prosecuted the case on behalf of the United States.